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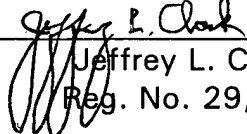
By this amendment, rejected claims 2, 10, 11 and 20, as well as claim 14, have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 3-6, 12, 13, 15-17 and 21-26 are pending. All of these claims have previously been indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to the prior art cited in the Search Report in the corresponding PCT application, which art was recently submitted herein (via mail on December 14, 2004). It is submitted that the pending claims are allowable over this art as well as the art previously cited in this application.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully submitted.

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